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Explore Enjoy and Protect the Planet



August / September 2014

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM & GENERAL MEETING:

When: Wednesday September 11, 2014
5:30 pm Growth Mgmt Committee
6:30 pm Social Time and New Member Orientation
7:00 pm Screening of "The Dolphin Dealer" movie,
written and directed by Brad Quenville

Location: Seminole Heights Public Library, 4711
Central Ave. Tampa (just south of Hillsborough Ave.
and west of I-275, corner of W Osborne Ave.)
All Tampa Bay Sierra Club meetings are free and
open to the public. For more information, contact
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Join us for the screening of "The Dolphin Dealer" a documentary movie. When dolphins perform at a dolphin show, what do we see? A dolphin "eager to please" and ready to do whatever the trainer wants him to. And why? Because he's hungry. Dolphins perform



tricks because they've been deprived food. After viewing the documentary film, "Dolphin Trader", you may never again be able to be entertained by such a show. We need to keep sight of the fact, that those that would traffic in dolphins see Tampa Bay as an area ripe for dolphin camps and the exploitation of these animals.

Five years in the making and featuring unprecedented footage of the shadowy world of the wild dolphin trade, The Dolphin Dealer is a haunting documentary about the man who perpetrated the largest dolphin capture and export in history. This rare story revolves around Canadian Christopher Porter, a former dolphin trainer at the Vancouver aquarium, and his lead adversary, animal rights activist and former Flipper trainer, Ric O'Barry. Set in the Solomon Islands, the most beautiful yet most brutal nation in the South Pacific, The Dolphin Dealer examines the issues and ethics of the billion dollar swim-with-dolphins industry.



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Help "Stash Your Cans"- Get into Bucs Games! The "Stash Your Cans" Recycling Program has been recycling bottles, cans, and plastics for 24 years for the Tampa Sports Authority at Raymond James Stadium. It is fun and a great way to get into stadium events for free! This includes all Tampa Bay Buccaneer and USF Bulls football games, also special events during the year. Here is how it works: Sierra Club volunteers show up 2 hours prior to the event and are assigned a recycling station and asks patrons to please recycle using the blue containers around the stadium. Along with making a contribution to the Tampa Bay Group, the Tampa Sports Authority rewards our efforts with great seats. We are currently seeking volunteers for the 2014 / 2015 season and the list will fill up fast. In order to get involved YOU MUST BE A SIERRA CLUB MEMBER. Please email coordinator Dave Varrieur at (813) 503-6970 or appraiserfl@outlook.com



Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful presents the 27th Annual Hillsborough River & Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 20, 2014
Join Tampa Bay Sierra Club and Tampa Audubon members for our annual clean-up of **Sunset Sanctuary**. Located off of Westshore Blvd. and San Jose street, (go west to the end of San Jose). The sanctuary is a mangrove forest along Old Tampa Bay and serves as habitat for birds and marine life. Contact Kent Bailey at kent.bailey@Florida.Sierraclub.org.



THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST PROGRAM!



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To participate in the Sierra Club's Outings, you need to sign a liability waiver, call: (415) 977-5630 or www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/



OUTINGS



Sunday August 24, Paddle:

Weeki Wachee Paddle Outing at 9:00 am. Join us at Paddling Adventures 6131 Commercial Way (US 19) Spring Hill, FL. Website: paddlingadventures.com or call 352-597-8484 to reserve your canoe or kayak. Learn about one of Florida's 33 first magnitude springs while paddling 6 miles downstream all the while watching for manatees, otters, birds and other wildlife. For the adventurous bring mask, fins and snorkel. Don't forget sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water, snacks, and lunch. Contact Leader Gail Parsons at 813-928-1412 or gail.parsons@florida.sierraclub.org (Tampa Bay)

Sat. Sept. 27 Bike Ride:

Starkey Wilderness Park. Meet in Target parking lot near Starbucks on SR 54 and Suncoast Parkway at 9am. This 20 mile round-trip bike ride will take us north along the Suncoast Parkway bike trail and into Starkey Wilderness Park. Our destination will be the picnic area in the park where we will have lunch. We will learn about the wellfield located in the park and its early history and how it became part of our region's water supply system. After lunch we will hike down to the nearby river and stretch our legs before heading back. Bring water, lunch, snacks and bug spray. Contact Leader Gail Parsons at 813-

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Wilderness First Aid (WFA) by SOLO - Sat. /Sun. Sept. 20 & 21:

SOLO is conducting a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Cost is \$200 for the 16 hour course 9 am to 5 pm. (price includes tuition, lunch both days and plenty of water). No CPR just WFA. Receive a two year certification from SOLO. For details on location contact www.gatorcpr.com/#!/wilderness-training/clr9a or Rudy Scheffer at rudy@adventuresworldwide.com, 727-542-6403

Outing Leader Training OLT101:

Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. St. Petersburg, FL. Leader Training OLT101 for new outing leaders and re-certification. Cost is \$6 to cover handout material. Contact Rudy Scheffer or for more details. 727-726-8375 or rudy@adventuresworldwide.com.

Join our **MEETUP PAGE** online where all outings are posted. Go to www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area/ and click on Join Us! Anyone can join the Meetup page to get regular notices when new outings are added. Or for outings throughout the state go to florida.sierraclub.org/outings_browse.asp

Florida Seller of Travel Reference No. ST37115

Tampa Bay Sierra Club Seeking Leaders: After a decade of devoted service our current Treasurer Sharon Terrill Elfers is stepping down. If you are interested in serving Tampa Bay Sierra Club in a more active role as **Treasurer** please contact Chair Kent Bailey at kent.bailey@Florida.Sierraclub.org.

Thank-You Sharon Terrill-Elfers for all of your hard work!



Florida Manatees Under Threat

Florida Manatees are under threat once more, but this time its not just the threat of boat propellers or Red Tide; this time its a legal and bureaucratic one. The source is a lawsuit filed by the Pacific Legal Foundation on behalf of Save Crystal River, Inc., a non-profit Florida organization seeking to enforce the individual property rights of citizens in and around the area. The purpose of the lawsuit is to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") to act on a petition originally filed by them in 2007. Save Crystal River, Inc. believes that the manatee population has significantly increased and that their protection status should reflect that.

Manatees have been listed as an endangered species since 1967 under the Endangered Species Preservation Act. In 2007, the FWS conducted a five year review of the manatees status and found that their populations had increased and were at a smaller risk of extinction; they determined that a reduction of their status from endangered to threatened may be warranted. In response the FWS' find-



ing, Save Crystal River, Inc. filed a petition seeking a review of the manatees endangered status, yet FWS took no action. Due to the FWS' inactivity, Save Crystal River, Inc. filed the lawsuit to require the FWS to complete the manatee status review and possibly reduce their protection from endangered to threatened.

While the manatee populations have rebounded since 1967, they continue to face ongoing threats. In the last three years approximately 2,441 manatees have died, including 829 manatees in 2013 alone due to a severe outbreak of Red Tide Algae. In response to the lawsuit, FWS has filed a petition (Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2014-0024) in the Federal Register announcing that they are conducting a five year review of the manatees' population and overall health. They are seeking comments from the public, including any scientific and commercial findings regarding their welfare. Comments can be submitted at www.regulations.gov. The deadline for providing public comment is September 2, 2014. The website <http://www.savethemanatee.org/> also provides additional information.

Growth Management Committee

There will be no Sierra Club meeting in the month of August. The next meeting of the Sierra Growth Management Committee will be at 5:30 pm on Wednesday September 10, prior to the regular Sierra Club meeting at the Seminole Heights Library, 4711 Central Ave., just south of Hillsborough Ave., in Tampa.

Everybody give a big round of applause to Mariella Smith and her team for successfully defending the Ruskin Community Plan. They worked on this project for two years and now have rewritten public policy for the future of that area.

Kudos to Tamara Pearson who uncovered the Sole Source Aquifer (SSA) designation in the Safe Drinking Water Act. In the face of a petition to the EPA asking that the entire Floridian Aquifer be protected as a SSA, the Hughes Company announced they were abandoning all plans for drilling in south Florida, including the Golden Gates well adjacent to the Florida Panther Refuge near the Everglades.

One of the world's rarest forests, a section of Miami-Dade County's last intact tracts of endangered pine rockland, is getting a new resident, Wal-Mart. About 88 acres of rockland, a globally imperiled habitat containing a menagerie of plants, animals, and insects found no place else, was sold this month by the University of Miami to a Palm Beach County developer. But with less than 2 percent remaining of the vast savannah that once covered South Florida spiny ridge, the deal has left environmentalists and biologists perplexed.

We're currently working with the Hillsborough County Commission on Imagine 2040, as well as HART regarding transit planning. Your involvement and input is key to successfully effecting public policy.

Michael Newett, Growth Management Committee Chair, at michael.newett@florida.sierraclub.org



Political Committee Group Forming: Looking for volunteers to help endorse and elect pro-environmental candidates to local and state offices. For more information please contact: Tampa Bay Group Political Chair, Bev Griffiths, at 813-210-4850 or bev.griffiths@florida.sierraclub.org.





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Seeking 2015 Ex-Com Candidates! The Nominating Committee is now seeking four candidates to run for election to Tampa Bay Group's Executive Committee. The Candidates must be Sierra Club members, are expected to promote the mission of the Sierra Club, participate in meeting, goal setting and planning activities. Terms are two years. Call Kent Bailey at kent.bailey@Florida.Sierraclub.org for more information.



Inner City Outings *ICO's mission is to take inner city students into our natural environments and experience things that they might not otherwise; creating future stewards of the environment.* You can find us at the following: <http://ico.sierraclub.org/tampabay/> or **Meetup:** www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area/ or **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/127734240576461/.
Rocky Milburn, Chair Tampa Bay Inner City Outing.

People's Climate March - September 20-21 2014

This September the world's leaders will attend a United Nations' summit on the Climate Crisis. On September 21, hundreds of thousands of Americans will fill the streets to demand ambitious action on Climate Change. This will be the largest environmental demonstration in history. Germany is proving that a carbon neutral economy is possible by 2050. Now is the time to demand a clean energy future. If you can possibly attend, please be there. If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring someone in your place. Nothing less than the future of our planet is at stake. For more information visit www.peoplesclimate.org

